

M'ADOO DRAFTS WAR BOARD INTO U.S. SERVICE

HOWARD ELLIOTT OF NORTHERN PACIFIC AMONG FIVE GREATEST RAIL CHIEFS WHO ARE CHOSEN

Definite Plan of Operation to Be Worked Out with View to Unifying 250,000 Miles of Railway Into Greatest Transportation System World Has Ever Dreamed of.

LUXURY WILL SUFFER; MILWAUKEE LINE ALREADY HAS PLANNED TO CUT OUT SMOKERS AND BUFFETS

Simple Service All That Can Be Asked by Traveler During Period of Emergency—Discontinuance of Heavy Equipment to Mean Great Saving in Fuel, Says Garfield.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—As the first practical step in the government's operation of railroads which began at noon today, Director-General McAdoo drafted the war board into the government service to work out plans of unified operation and submit them to him for approval.

The following five railroad executives, each a leader in the business of transportation, will work out the plans for welding 250,000 miles of railroad into one great continental system for winning the war:

FAIRFAX HARRISON, president of the Southern Railway;
JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT, chairman of the board of the Southern Pacific;
SAMUEL REA, president of the Pennsylvania;
HALE HOLDEN, president of the Burlington;
HOWARD ELLIOTT, chairman of the Northern Pacific.

To Work Out Plans.
At the conclusion of the conference with the railroad heads Mr. McAdoo announced that he had called on the members of the railroad war board to work out a definite plan of operation. "Whatever can be done to make the roads more efficient," Mr. McAdoo said today, "will be done as soon as possible."

ELIMINATE LUXURIES.

Smokers and Buffet Cars Discontinued on Milwaukee Line.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Immediate curtailment of luxurious passenger service equipment was among the first steps taken today by some of the railroads with headquarters in Chicago when the government came into control of the nation's rail system.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul announced that it would eliminate both observation and buffet smoking cars from its trains. The change will be made between Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis at once, and on the lines to Kansas City and Omaha next week. Officials said the discontinuance of the heavy equipment will result in a considerable saving of fuel.

McAdoo Issues Order.
Would Pool All Traffic, Making One Big System.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Soon after American railroads went under government operation at noon today Director-General McAdoo issued his first order wiping out competitive conditions and providing for complete pooling of traffic, equipment, terminals and trackage facilities, and for the retention of present officers and employees.

The immediate result will be a re-routing of traffic over shortest lines, regardless of the company with which shipments originated and the common use of terminals to effect maximum efficiency. Without anticipating wonders under the new plan, officials look forward to material improvement in the present traffic congestion within a few weeks.

Dubious Note.
A dubious note came from the capitol, where several Republican members of congress expressed fear that the task was too big for the government to handle efficiently under war conditions, and others criticized the appointment of Secretary McAdoo as director-general.

The labor question under government operation was discussed with President Wilson during the day by heads of the four railroad brotherhoods who renewed their pledge of loyalty to government administration. They spent about an hour and a half with the President, and it is understood they received assurances that most railway employees would not be liable to the next or even the second draft call by being placed in the second draft classification.

McAdoo's Statement.
Mr. McAdoo tonight made a statement saying that at least until he has time to mature his plans, and policies, railroad operation "will be conducted through existing railroad organizations."

"This new task is of great magnitude and difficulty," he said, "it can not be done at a moment and it can not be done at all unless the people of the United States, as well as the officers and employees of the railroads, give to the railroad director their intelligent and patriotic support. I earnestly seek the co-operation and assistance of every good citizen in this great work."

"The full operation of the railroads as a thoroughly unified system is of fundamental importance to the success of the war. Without it we can not get the effective use of our resources. The supreme test in this war will probably come in the year 1918. Victory will depend upon our speed and efficiency. We can get neither speed nor efficiency unless the railroads are equal to the demands of the situation."

Takes Hold Vigorously.
"I can only say at the moment that the problem will be taken hold of vigorously, and that plans and policies will be announced from time to time."

SAMMIES LEARN HOW TO FIGHT WITH FIRE IN FRANCE



French Poilus Instructing American Officers in Use of Gas and Liquid Fire.

The above are among the many interesting scenes to be shown in Uncle Sam's great war pictures, the first of which, "The 1917 Recruit," to be presented at the Bismarck Auditorium on Sunday, December 30, under the auspices of the Bismarck Home Guard.

In preparation for their work in the trenches in France, where our own Co. A and Co. I boys and members of the headquarters company, under Capt. Henry T. Murphy, soon will be, our soldiers are learning the art of making war with gas and flames. In the upper picture, French soldiers are

advancing to attack. Each operator of the deadly apparatus marches against the enemy with his fire equipment slung across his back and the hose and nozzle in his hand. In the lower picture the poilus are shown turning the liquid fire on imaginary enemies in the woods on the left, for the instruction of the Americans.

NEW YORK BANK SEIZED BY RUSS FINANCE CHIEF

Soldiers Surround and Take Over All Private Institutions.

MANHATTAN MAN ARRESTED

B. P. Stevens, Manager of the National City Branch, in Custody.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Soldiers acting under the orders of Finance Commissioner Menshinsky, today surrounded and seized all private banks in Petrograd, including the branch of the National City bank of New York. The manager, B. P. Stevens, was arrested, and detained for a short time. Many banks' directors were arrested. Several surrendered the keys to the banks' vaults, but Stevens refused. J. L. Wright, counselor of the American embassy, called upon Mr. Stevens during the afternoon.

The National City bank of New York was granted a license last January to commence business in Russia with particular reference to the financing of railroad construction. The license given it was the first granted to a foreign bank to do business in Russia since 1879.

SABOTAGE IS CHARGED.
Trumped Up Accusation Filed as Excuse for Outrage.

At the time for the opening of the banks, detachments of the Red Guard gathered in the streets and barred the entrances. Later the banks were entered, under the leadership of M. Menshinsky. Orders were given that work cease and that the banks surrender their papers, and the keys to their vaults. In most instances no resistance was offered. Mr. Stevens declared his bank had no vaults, but only small safes. After his arrest, he was permitted to return to the bank, which was placed under guard. The banks' directors, who were arrested, were accused of "sabotage." Telephone service throughout the city was stopped for an hour.

Explains Seizure.
In explaining the seizure of the banks, M. Menshinsky said: "We let it be known long ago that private banks should send reports."

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FORMER CHICAGO POLICE CHIEF SAYS HE NEVER TOOK DOLLAR FROM VICE AND IS VICTIM OF POLITICAL ENMITIES

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Charles C. Healey, former chief of police, Thursday took the witness stand in his own defense at his trial on charges of conspiracy in connection with alleged police grafting.

"I never took a dollar to protect vice or crime," he dramatically exclaimed in the course of a sweeping

COLD WAVE HAS NORTHWEST IN FRIGID CLASP

Thermometer Drops 46 Degrees in Twelve Hours at St. Paul.

FOOT OF SNOW AT HAVRE

Mercury Stood at 48 Minus at Prince Albert This Morning.

Little Johnny poked his nose out of the coverlets this morning, sniffed the buckwheat cakes sizzling down below, saw a heavy coating of frost on the window-panes, and thanked the lucky stars of good little boys that it was a holiday.



The absence of wind made it seem not so cold, but there remained an abundance of dampness in the air, which caused the chill to penetrate and search out the marrow. Bismarck's suffering was naught as compared with St. Paul's where a 46-degree drop in temperature was recorded in twelve hours. Yesterday the mercury stood at 24 above, and this morning it was 22 below. Prince Albert recorded the prize low temperature of the season, 45-minus. At Moorhead it was 26 below, at Williston 24 and at Winnipeg, 34 below.

Foot of Snow at Havre.
A foot of snow fell during the night at Havre, Mont. and at Miles City there was six inches. Throughout Minnesota temperatures are low. The prediction for North Dakota is continued cold, tonight and tomorrow, with probably more snow.

THOUSANDS FELICITATE WILSON ON NATAL DAY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Letters and telegrams congratulating President Wilson on his sixty-first birthday piled into the white house today. This morning the president played golf with Mrs. Wilson, and later worked on the railroad address he will deliver to congress next week.

2716 OF DAKOTA'S MEN SELECTED FOR SERVICE RELEASED

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 28.—Final increments of the first national army assigned to Camp Dodge will not be called, but the men in these quotas will be placed under the new classifications regulations, according to orders received here from Washington today.

This order, of which Adjutant General Fraser had not been informed late Thursday evening, did not occasion any surprise when communicated to the head of North Dakota's military establishment. "I had not expected that the remainder of the men examined for Camp Dodge would be called," said the adjutant general.

This order throws directly under the new classifications 2,716 accepted registrants who were being held for the next call to Camp Dodge. They are now in the same position as registrants who have never been called for examination, and will be classified in the same manner as the 50,000 or more other registrants whose order numbers did not place them in the first draft.

GERMANS IN PLOTS TO BETRAY BRAZILIANS

Buenos Aires, Dec. 28.—Dispatches received here from Florianopolis, Brazil, say that a large number of German conspirators have been arrested after the discovery of a plot to overthrow the local authorities. All the Germans were armed. They had been meeting at various times under the pretext that they were members of a German society.

Florianopolis is on the coast of southern Brazil in the state of Santa Catharina. The town has a population of 20,000.

Cahill Here.—Senator J. I. Cahill of Leith is in the city today.

HALT COMES IN PEACE CONFAB; NOTE TO WORLD

Ten Days' Recess Taken; Conference to Be Resumed January 4.

LEON TROTZKY HAS MESSAGE

Bolshevik Foreign Minister Preparing Letter to All Nations.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Germany's terms for a general peace, and the suggestion that the Entente join the Russo-German peace conference, have brought no immediate response. American, British and French leaders are silent.

The attitude of the American government has not changed and it is felt in Washington that the present German promises of no annexations and indemnities are not sincere.

British Opinion Divided.
British newspaper opinion is divided.

A recess in the peace negotiations have been taken and the conference will be resumed January 4, at a place not yet determined. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, is said to be preparing a new appeal to the Entente Allies to join the conference.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, an Amsterdam dispatch says, holds different views on annexations from those expressed by Count Czernin who recently is the German mouthpiece. The Vienna newspapers quote the king as saying that Bulgaria would hold what she had won. Germans and Austrian newspapers generally receive the count's statement warmly.

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 27.—The delegates of the central powers to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk, have agreed to a ten-day recess in the peace negotiations which will be resumed on January 4.

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GERMAN BOMB, SAMMIES GIFT FROM KAISER WILHELM, KILLS AND MAIMS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Corporal of American Engineers Slain and Private Injured When Aviators Drop Shell Into Trenches Where They Were Working for Purposes of Instruction.

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN MARCH TWO DAYS THROUGH STORM TO TAKE THEIR PLACES ON FRENCH FRONT

States' Soldiers Continue Bayonet Practice, Grenade Throwing and Automatic Rifle Work in Spite of Cold and Slush and Snow—Southern Troops Becoming Acclimated.

(By American Press)
Repulse in their attempt to break through the French line northeast of Verdun, the Germans have ceased their efforts. In the Argonne yesterday the French checked a German surprise attack and French artillery broke up enemy troop concentrations northeast of Verdun.

On the British front the artillery engagement continues at various points.

On the Italian northern front the Austro-Germans have not followed up their success of early in the week west of Brenta and which they had a hard fight to maintain. Enemy artillery fire on the Asiago plateau is intense. In aerial battles over Treviso, British and Italian airmen have counted for 11 of 33 attacking enemy machines, while emerging unscathed.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 28.—A corporal of American engineers was killed and one private was wounded, Christmas eve, when a German shell dropped near a party of American engineers working in the trenches on a section of the French front. The engineers for several weeks had been working the front with veteran French engineers for purposes of instruction.

Trudge Through Storm.
For three days snow has been falling intermittently throughout the American zone, interfering with the training of troops and with communication. Many roads are becoming almost impassable on account of drifts. No serious difficulty has been experienced thus far in supplying the troops in the outlying towns and districts, but it is feared the supply problem will give trouble if the storm continues.

Motor trucks today were crawling over the hilly roads at snail's pace. The weather was so cold that many cars were frozen and could not be moved.

National Guardsmen There.
The troops of a newly landed division, composed of former national guardsmen tonight reached towns in which they are to be billeted, temporarily, after marching for two days through the storm.

Former guardsmen of another division carried on their work in spite of the storm, engaging in bayonet, grenade, and automatic rifle practice without interruption. Some of the men had their earplugs pulled down, and others had mufflers wound around their necks. These troops are mostly in the lowlands. Others in higher altitudes were unable to proceed with their work as well as was desired. Troops from the southern states have been quite uncomfortable in the last few days, but they are becoming accustomed to the cold and snow.

Senator Kenyon read a letter from a Washington government clerk, who wrote he was barely "seeking out an existence at \$1,200 a year," and wanted to know why he had to pay \$9.00 a ton for bituminous coal here when it sold for \$1.82 at the mine. Clover could not say who got the difference.

CROWDER NOTIFIES ALL GOVERNORS TO RE-CLASSIFY MEN

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Provost Marshal Crowder has notified state governors that there will be no more formal calls for deferred percentages of the present quotas of national army men before February 15. That is, all men who have been called out but whose order numbers are so low that they are not actually in camp will get the benefit of the new classification.

WAS READY WRITER
Hotel Employee Signs Proprietor's Name to Checks

Marmarth, N. D., Dec. 28.—Barney Fuller, who had been working at the Charles hotel, decamped suddenly after cashing a number of checks for various amounts which he had copied from the monthly paycheck given him by Landlord Case. The checks were cashed at different places, with business men who knew that Fuller was working for Case, and who consequently suspected no irregularity.

who addressed a conference of the association here tonight. The war has given the negro opportunity to fight for his country. Mr. Storey continued, and the conduct of the black man on the battlefield will prove of great benefit to the race.

"There are some who thought that black and white should serve indiscriminately in the same companies, but I have never shared that view."

BUSINESS MEN AND FARMERS UNITE IN BUMPER CROP TALK

Hettinger County Anxious to Aid Uncle Sam in Every Way Possible

New England, N. D., Dec. 28.—A meeting of farmers, business men and others interested in giving Uncle Sam a bumper crop in 1918 was held at Dreamland hall Thursday afternoon, at the call of F. G. Orr, emergency county agent. Live Stock Specialist Peters of the extension department of the agricultural college was among the prominent speakers, and steps were taken to organize a county livestock breeders' association, with branches at New England, Regan and Mott. The advantages of a county farm bureau also were favorably discussed, and the seed and feed needs of Hettinger county were taken up. Farmers of the Alden country, south of Regent, told of their experiences with cheese manufacturing, and other communities displayed an interest in the subject, which was thoroughly discussed by a representative of the agricultural extension department. Grasshopper control was taken up, and plans for handling the plague, should it develop next year, were considered. The meeting was a profitable one for everyone concerned.

INJUNCTION HEARING.
Stipulations to Be Made in Matter in Few Days.

The hearing in the Grand Forks district court on the temporary injunction procured by President Crawford restraining the state board of regents from reorganizing, has been postponed from day to day from December 15. Aubrey Lawrence of Fargo, representing President Crawford, is not in the state at present, and Attorney General Larson announced today that it may be several days before the attorneys can get together and stipulate a date for the hearing.

TWENTY MILLION ACRES OF TERRITORY IN UNITED STATES OWNED BY NEGROES WITH BILLION OF OTHER PROPERTIES

New York, Dec. 28.—Negroes in the United States own approximately 20,000,000 acres of land or an area equaling the combined territory of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as well as other property valued at \$1,000,000,000, according to Moorfield Storey, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,

who addressed a conference of the association here tonight. The war has given the negro opportunity to fight for his country. Mr. Storey continued, and the conduct of the black man on the battlefield will prove of great benefit to the race.

BIG PACKERS CONTROLLING RETAIL TRADE SAYS WITNESS

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—The control by the big Chicago packers of the rendering business throughout the country was emphasized at the federal trade commission's inquiry into the meat supply which was continued here today.

John Gellane, witness at the federal trade commission hearing, charged today that packers were establishing meat stores in various cities for the purpose of driving retailers out of business. The Mohican company, which operates a chain of stores in New England, was one of these concerns, he said.

The packers set retail prices at these stores so low that independent stores could not compete, and many went out of business.

FIELD MARSHAL HAIG MENTIONS AMERICANS IN ROLL OF HONOR

London, Dec. 28.—Field Marshal Haig, the British commander-in-chief, has submitted a list of names of persons serving on the western front, as a deserving special mention. The list, which was published today in the London Gazette, contains the names of many Americans attached to the American army nursing corps.

EARTHQUAKE CONTINUES; THOUSANDS HOMELESS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—At 6 o'clock last night the earthquake which devastated part of Guatemala City was continuing; the destruction of property was unabated, and thousands were without shelter. Americans and other foreigners were safe.

Leave Hospital.—Lee O'Brien and Paul Fritz, the two men who were badly burned in a major explosion at Dodge, N. D., have recovered sufficiently to leave the St. Alexius hospital, where they were rushed at the time of the accident. Lee O'Brien, the third victim will be in the hospital for some time to come. His injuries were more serious than that of his companions. He is recovering as well as can be expected.

Goes to Colorado.—Morris J. Kern, who has been certificate clerk in the state of State Superintendent N. C. McDonald for several months past, has tendered his resignation, to be effective January 1. Soon after that first of the year he leaves for Colorado Springs, Colo., where he will become professor of biology and zoology in the University of Colorado. Mr. Kern is a graduate of the University of North Dakota. For six years he was on the faculty of the Valley City state normal, and for four years he was an instructor at the University of Illinois, where he took his Ph. D. degree.

CITY NEWS

Napoleon Lumberman.—R. L. Washburn, well known Napoleon lumberman, is in the city on a business mission.

From Braddock.—Mrs. Harold Brownald of Braddock is visiting Bismarck friends.

From Beulah.—Mrs. E. T. Munro of Beulah is a Bismarck visitor.

From Coleharbor.—Miss Sadie Ferguson of Coleharbor is spending the week end in Bismarck.

Visits Wife.—H. H. Harmon of Mandan was in the city today, calling on his wife, who is recovering at a local hospital from a serious operation.

To Resume Duties.—Miss Hazel Haggard, who spent her Christmas vacation in the east, is in Bismarck for the week end, preliminary to resuming her duties as teacher at Menoken.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORE- CLOSURE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that default existing in that certain mortgage, executed and delivered by Marcelus Oanes, unmarried, mortgagor, to Barnes Brothers, Incorporated, of Minneapolis, Minn., mortgagee, dated the 27th day of January, 1915, and filed for record in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Burleigh, and state of North Dakota, on the 23rd day of February, 1915, at 11:15 o'clock a. m., and recorded in Book 106 of mortgages at 11:15 a. m.; and no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof; said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such mortgage and being described at the front of the Court House in the city of Bismarck, county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1917 to satisfy the amount due upon such mortgage on the day of sale.

The premises described in such mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are described as follows, viz:

West one-half of northeast quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) and west one-half of southeast one-quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$) section 12, township 140, range 78.

There will be due on said mortgage at the date of sale the sum of \$104.80, principal and interest, and the further sum of \$194.40, by reason of certain interest coupon notes, and the sum of \$33.11 by reason of taxes, which were prior liens upon the said land and which were paid by the said mortgagee and which makes the total sum due on date of sale of Three Hundred Fifty-five Dollars and Thirty-one cents (\$355.31) together with the costs and disbursements in this action.

Dated at Kenmare, N. D., this 21st day of November, A. D. 1917.

BARNES BROTHERS,
Incorporated,
Mortgagee

A. W. GRAY,
Attorney for Mortgagee,
Kenmare, N. Dak.

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HOWARD ELLIOTT AMONG THE RAIL CHIEFS CHOSEN

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as rapidly as it is possible to mature them. Meanwhile, the business will be conducted through existing railroad organizations with all the support and power of the government asserted in behalf of more efficient and satisfactory operation.

It is considered probable that Mr. McAdoo will retain the service of Robert S. Lovett, director of priority for the war industries board, with whom he conferred at length today, and that railroads will be instructed to continue to receive orders from that source. Another priority question to be settled soon is that of coordinating the preferential shipment instructions now issued by the fuel and food administrations, and army quartermasters through a single government transportation director, to supervise only government shipments.

Transportation Director.
The director general's advisors have recommended creating of such an agency, emphasizing that the government railroad administration must justify itself immediately by providing for speedier transportation of coal. Mr. McAdoo is known to have given serious thought to the coal situation, and to have received suggestions that a representative of the fuel administration be included in his staff.

Mr. McAdoo does not expect to ask an appropriation for administering government operation of his staff, probably will be composed largely of men already on the government or railroad payrolls. He will receive no additional salary for action in the dual capacity of director general of railroads and secretary of the treasury. It is expected he also will retain the services of the railroads committee which has been administering the equipment pool, with headquarters at Pittsburgh.

POOLING RELIC OF DARK AGES Fairfax Doubts If It Will Accomplish Good

Asked what would be the practical accomplishment of the pooling of railroad traffic, Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the board said:

"Traffic pooling is a relic of the dark ages of railroad operation, and I do not know whether it can be accomplished now. All the railroads have more traffic now than they can possibly haul. They believe they are operating the roads as efficiently as can be done under government or any other sort of control."

HOME GUARDS REAL SOLDIERS AFTER TONIGHT

Bismarck's Home Guard company, which has won for itself a very prominent place in the life of the city through its recent successful drive for Red Cross membership, will be a real soldier unit after tonight, when its new khaki uniforms, made to order, and very spiffy, are to be distributed.

The guardsmen received their service hats and leggings some time ago, but there was much delay in the uniforms, because of the heavy demands made on regalia houses from all parts of the country. The entire complement of 100 uniforms is now here, and will be distributed at the army at 7 o'clock this evening, when Capt. E. C. Wanner urges that every member report promptly.

CITED FOR GALLANTRY BY FRENCH WAR BOARD

Washington, Dec. 28.—Lieut. Edwin M. Post and Private Frank A. Rose of the American army have been cited for gallantry in action in French war orders. Lieut. Post's mother lives at Tuxedo Park, N. Y., and Rose's next of kin, is his uncle, Charles Cooper, New York city.

Should Obey.

Men who will not obey the "please be clean" advice, should be subjected to sterner advice.—Exchange.

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OVERLAND WITH ARMY TRUCK FLEET ON TRYOUT TRIP—FACTORY TO SEABOARD



Photograph by R. P. Dorman, Daily Tribune's Staff Photographer, Showing Army Truck Train on Tryout Trip.

By ROBERT P. DORMAN.
Tribune Staff Photographer.
"B-r-r-r," Sherman was right.
B. H. Butte said so. He's a corporal in the select service army. He is seeing active service—here in America.
I agreed.
I had just helped Butte and half a dozen other "selects" dig a motor truck out of a five-foot snow bank. We were travelling from "Some-where in America" to "an Atlantic

port" in Uncle Sam's first fleet of war trucks to go overland from factory to tidewater.
The driver of the truck, his two helpers, and the crew of the next truck back had a hard tussle with the snow before they had got the leading motor in the train of six back into the middle of the road.
This was one of many trials encountered by these first National Army men to see actual service. Chains broke and had to be re-

placed; machinery went wrong and trucks had to be trussed up; while the bitter cold, swept by the wind off a northern lake, made the men's faces red and tender.
That didn't matter much.
With song and jest, the 90 drafted men laid each new mishap up as one more count against the kaiser.
"Over There" was a favorite. Secondly, "We Won't Get Home 'Til Morning."

At noon the train halted for sandwiches and hot coffee, prepared on route in the "kitchen truck" attached to the caravan.
In some towns—where there had been sufficient notice of the train's approach—Red Cross women had lunches prepared in churches or hotel dining rooms.
Our course was suddenly changed after one large city was passed. New orders directed us to a seaport 600

miles farther south than our original destination.
The trucks are classified as follows:
Twenty-five light, 2-ton and gasolene trucks, one ambulance.
His "venue" was to demonstrate the possibility of overland shipment to relieve railroad congestion.
Captain Bennett Lonsom, U. S. R., was in charge.
The load consists of extra truck parts for shipment overseas.

The trucks are painted khaki color, and covered with khaki canvas.
Thirty thousand are being built.
Only two will go into a forty-ton box car.
That means 150 box cars will be saved if the plan works out.
And the 30,000 tons of government materials being transported in these motor truck trains, and you have a saving of 17,250 box cars.
It also trains selects for truck train service abroad.

PATRIOTIC NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS PLANTED LARGEST ACREAGE IN HISTORY IN '17

Demand of Uncle Sam for Food and Prospects of Profitable Prices
Resulted in Great Stimulus to Agriculture, Reports
United States Field Agent

Influenced by patriotic motives and further attracted by prospective profitable market prices for all farm products, farmers in 1917 seeded the largest acreage ever recorded in North Dakota or slightly more than 14,500,000 acres, reports the United States field agent for North Dakota. This is about 7 per cent above the acreage usually sown. North Dakota leads the United States in acreage of spring wheat, barley, rye and flax.

Excepting wheat the acreage of all crops was substantially increased. The increase which ordinarily would have been credited to wheat was more than accounted for in the tremendous increase in rye acreage. An unusual amount of new land was broken up in central and western sections resulting in a heavy increase in flax acreage.

Adverse weather conditions prevailed over greater part of the state following the planting of this large acreage. Chief damage factors were drought and frosts. The season's deficient rainfall with spotted distribution caused very uneven yields in practically all counties, but climatic conditions were comparatively more favorable in the eastern part of the state, where numerous favorable yields were recorded, especially of wheat in northern and central Red River Valley counties. Speaking in

a general way crop yields were fair in the eastern third of the state with few exceptions. Crop yields in the remainder of the state were poor as a rule, excepting some fair wheat yields largely confined to Emmons, southern Morton, Grant and McIntosh, eastern Dunn, western Mercer, northern Divide and Burke counties. Straw growth short in this area.
The unfortunate feature of this season's crop production was the unusually short crop of forage and grain feeds, especially in the western two-thirds of the state. Owing to this condition and attractive meat prices, live stock marketing has been unusually heavy. The disappointing production over the greater part of the state was to some extent offset by the unusually high market prices paid for nearly all farm products, but due to unequal distribution of production the eastern third of the state reaped the larger part of the profits. Rye and wheat were the best of the 1917 grain crops. The value of the 1917 wheat crop has been exceeded only by that of 1915. Owing to the large acreage and high market prices, the total value of the rye and barley crops is the high record for this state. The yield per acre of corn, oats, flax hay, potatoes, and garden truck has seldom been lower than 1917 yields. The December final of the important crops follow:

CROP STATISTICS.				
Note 600 omitted in the acreage, production, and total value columns.				
Crop.	Acreage.	Yield per acre.	Product'n.	Value per acre.
Corn	599	9 bu.	5,391	\$ 1.51
Wheat	7,393	5 bu.	36,965	2.00
Oats	2,575	15 bu.	38,625	1.20
Barley	1,825	12.5 bu.	22,812	1.00
Rye	1,040	9.5 bu.	9,880	1.64
Potatoes	90	43 bu.	3,870	1.20
Flax	965	3.0 bu.	2,895	3.00
Tame hay	550	.88 tons	484 tons	11.50
Wild hay	2,180	.65 tons	1,417 tons	10.90
				15,445
				7.08

A. J. SURRATT,
Field Agent.

GERMAN INTRIGUE IN BIG BEND TROUBLES THOUGHT UNLIKELY

Eighteen Mexicans Killed in Expedition of Americans Over the Line.

COLONEL LANGHORNE

BACK FROM CHASE

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 28.—Rumors that Germans in Mexico were responsible for the Britte ranch and store raid and Fitzgerald ranch raid on Christmas day were refuted tonight by Col. Geo. T. Langhorne, district commander, who has ordered an investigation of the political aspects of the raid.

It is believed here the German "rumor" or originated in the minds of local men and is not substantiated by facts. Col. Langhorne is awaiting the arrival of Captain Sprinkle, who obtained important papers from the body of the bandits killed, before reaching a decision as to the identity of the raiders. He also is making an effort to determine whether the raid at the Fitzgerald ranch on Christmas night was made by the same band that raided the Britte ranch and looted the store and postoffice.

If your stomach's wrong, have indigestion, don't relish food, appetite gone, feed heavy, brain dull, bowels not regular, liver torpid, kidneys not acting right, can't sleep well, out of sorts generally—you need Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. That's all. DRESLOW'S.

HALT COMES IN PEACE CONFAB; NOTE TO WORLD

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sumed January 4, at a place not yet determined.
Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, is reported to be drafting a new note to the entente allied em-bassies, again asking them to participate in the peace conference.

New Message to World.

Trotsky is also said to be preparing a new message to the people of the world. The Russian delegates to the peace conference will return to Petrograd tomorrow or Saturday.

An armistice is reported to have been reached between the Bolshevik forces and the troops of General Kal-edines at Rostov, with a neutral zone between the opposing lines.

NEW YORK BANK SEIZED BY RUSS FINANCE CHIEF

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weekly to the state banks. This was done, but the reports were incorrect. It was then decided to occupy the banks, review their activity and then see that they resumed business. The keys are in the hands of the commissioner of state banks, as are the books and documents which have been seized.

It was reported the committees would investigate the banks and spend a week in the process, and the institutions not permitted to resume business in the meantime. The city is facing a financial shortage in currency, especially small denominations, which has not been available for several days.

TOWNLEY OPINES POLICY AIMS AT RAIL OWNERSHIP

Non-Partisan Leaguer Believes that Commander Means Ultimate Possession.

ROADS LONG BREAKING DOWN

President Rea of Pennsylvania

System Not Yet Ready to

Express Opinion.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—A. C. Townley, president of the Non-Partisan League, in an interview here Thursday gave two reasons, in his opinion why President Wilson took the action he did regarding the railroad situation.

First—The object lesson of other nations.

Second—The break down of the American railways.

Ultimate Ownership.

"I hope that the president's action means ultimate ownership of the railroads by the people," he said. "I think it does mean that. I do not see how it can mean anything else."

"Other nations have seen that a nation is best served when it controls its transportation facilities. Other nations in this war are controlling the manufacture and the distribution of the things necessary to the nation's welfare. A nation's welfare is the people's welfare. A nation is well off in the same proportion that the mass of its people is well off. All of us do not seem to realize that yet. I think we will before long."

Roads Breaking Down.

"Our railroads have been breaking down for a long time. The break down is due to overcapitalization. The purpose of our railroads has been to pay dividends not to give service. The operators of our railroads are good and efficient men. I do not suppose there are any better in the world. But they have been under the direction of men who wanted dividends above all things. Rolling stock, road beds, everything else has been sacrificed to dividends—to dividends on unnatural capitalization. Of course the railroads broke down. The president could do nothing but take them if we are to have efficient transportation."

"We are still, I see, to pay dividends to the railroad's owners based on their watered stock. We are to guarantee net incomes earned before June 1914. I wish it were otherwise. I wish we were to pay these railroad owners only what their physical properties are worth and take the railroads into public hands for good and all."

Temporary Plan.

"I suppose that the president didn't think it well to undertake such action at this time. I suppose he thought it impossible to attempt a physical nationalization in the stress of these times. Apparently this plan is a temporary plan. The big thing is that a great step in the right direction has been taken. As the stress of war eases on, we can take a further proper step of an absolute ownership by the government of our transportation facilities. I hope this will happen. It is a sure thing that if government ownership and operation of the railroads is good for us all in time of war, it will be good for us all in time of peace."

Never Go Back.

"I hope our railroads will never go back to the kind of private ownership that they have had. Because private ownership will always mean dividends before service. The purpose of railroads should be service before dividends."

"I hope this action of the president means ultimate public ownership, because that means service first. I do not see how the people can permit anything else to happen."

SELF-SUSTAINING.

Rate Question Still of First Importance, Says Rea.

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Samuel Rea of the Pennsylvania railroad company Thursday authorized a

statement on the government control of railroads in which a broadening of the rate structure is suggested to cover increased costs and to avoid the necessity of congressional appropriations. The statement says:

"Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad system, said he was not prepared at present to make any inconclusive statement on the proposed government control of the railroads. The working features of the plan are not yet announced, and there are many divergent results in the suggested three year period preceding June 30, 1917, on the roads in different parts of the country."

"The plan would, he assumed, be broadened to provide not only for renewing and extending maturing obligations, which would be necessary to stabilize the financial structure of the country, but also to provide new capital for additions and betterments to road and equipment. This is implicitly required to promptly meet the war traffic on the Pennsylvania system, and naturally the rate structure should be broadened to cover the increased costs and charges to avoid the necessity of congressional appropriations, which would have to be made up by increasing general taxation. In short the railroads must be made self-sustaining."

"Therefore, he felt the present duty of the railroads was to study the situation and confer with the officers of the government to ascertain the full scope of the proposed plan and especially to devote their entire energy to promptly moving the war traffic, relying upon the recommendations and assurances contained in the proclamation and statement which the president and congress will be disposed to endorse."

THOMPSON WINNER BY 29 BALLOTS IN RACE FOR COUNCIL

Women Give Majority for Larson, but Male Supremacy Designates Victor.

SMALL VOTE CAST AT COMMISSIONER ELECTION

Harry A. Thompson, was elected a member of the city commission to succeed R. C. Battey by a majority of 29 votes over John A. Larson in Thursday's special election.

The ladies gave Mr. Larson a majority of 28, which a male majority of 57 for Thompson overcame and went 29 better.

Singularly Quiet.

The election was a singularly quiet one, following a campaign in which there had been no clear-cut issues and one devoid of excitement. Both candidates had conducted a clean and orderly contest. Only 585 votes were cast, including 287 ladies' ballots before or after counted in a municipal election. Bismarck has, in a close contest, cast as high as 1,200.

Thompson carried Wards Two, Four, Five and Six, and Larson Wards One and Three. The ladies gave Larson a majority in Wards One, Three, Four, Five and Six, and went for Thompson in Ward Two, where the victor polled his biggest vote.

The largest female vote was cast in Wards Two and Three, in each of which the total for the suffragettes was 72, or fifty per cent of the male vote.

Thompson Pleased.

"I am particularly pleased with my election because of the nature of my opponent," said Commissioner H. A. Thompson last evening. "John Larson was one of the best men that could have been put up in Bismarck; he has always been a good friend of mine, and I know he will continue to be. He made the sort of campaign one could expect from a good sportsman and a gentleman. I want to thank all of the ladies and the readers of Bismarck who voted for me and worked for me, and to thank everyone in Bismarck my very best friends in the office with which they honored me. The campaign I believe was one of the cleanest in the history of Bismarck, and I intend to give just as

little cause for criticism in the share which I may have in the administration of this city."

RESUME OF VOTE CAST YESTERDAY

Ward One.

	M.	F.
Thompson	44	17—61
Larson	70	37—107
	114	54

Ward Two.

	M.	F.
Thompson	105	41—146
Larson	51	31—82
	156	72

Ward Three.

	M.	F.
Thompson	63	28—91
Larson	71	41—118
	137	72

Ward Four.

	M.	F.
Thompson	49	9—58
Larson	36	10—46
	85	19

Ward Five.

	M.	F.
Thompson	58	10—68
Larson	39	11—50
	97	41

Ward Six.

	M.	F.
Thompson	59	18—77
Larson	51	21—72
	110	39

RECAPITULATION.

Total male vote—699.

Thompson, 378; Larson, 321

Total female vote—287.

Thompson, 126; Larson, 154.

Total vote cast—986.

Thompson, 504; Larson, 473.

Tribune Want Ads Bring Results.

ORPHEUM THEATRE —TO-NIGHT—

Francis X. Bushman
AND
Beverly Bayne

In
"The Adopted Son"

A 6 Act Metro Super-Feature of Love and Danger. Positively
Bushman's Greatest Picture.

George Ovey in "Jerry at the Waldorf"

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An Editorial About Woodrow Wilson's Mother, On Woodrow Wilson's Birthday



The beginnings of big men are heredity, environment—and mother. And the greatest of these is mother.

In this age of structural near-miracles, mental and physical, it is easy and usual for boys to put down or outgrow inherited weaknesses. Every boy of caliber aims at something bigger and better than his early environment. But mother lasts, endures, in part or in whole, to the end. There is some good in the worst of men. No man is so lost but, deep down in him, is working, subconsciously perhaps, some part of the goodness, of mother. It may be only a memory of that time when he burnt his little fingers at sampling her frying doughnuts and climbed upon her lap to be soothed. Perhaps it's only a faint recollection of the morning when she kissed him and sent him off to school for the first time, and cried a bit because her boy was her baby no longer. Perhaps it's a whole flood of recollections of how she watched, worked and worried over him, night and day. However little or much the early influence of a good mother, it never wholly perishes.

In none of the big men's lives is there more of mother than in the life of Woodrow Wilson. His father is described as a man of great pride, "a combustible old doctor of the old school theory." When Woodrow was inaugurated in the chair of political economy at Princeton, his father proudly announced: "Oh, I am more than that boy's father; I am his creator!" But the old gentleman was mistaken. There was Mother Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson was a small, graceful, blue-eyed, thoughtful and pensive little mother. She taught her son to think before acting, to settle with his conscience every night when his head was on his pillow, to stick by the right as he felt it, to look beyond the present for effects that really count. Her undying influence is written in every line of Woodrow's public career, especially in his attitude toward war issues during the past year. The son is not the fiery old Dr. Wilson, but the mother, deliberative, strong for the right, and with a vision.

When we study the above portrait of Woodrow Wilson's mother, we see Woodrow Wilson, as we know him. There are Woodrow's sharp, strong nose and chin, the generous, compassionate mouth, like old Abe Lincoln's, and the eyes that are seeing, yearning for things that are afar off. From his father Woodrow may have got his sort of college love of combat, but from his mother and her developing influence he got that which kept us out of war as long as honor and safety permitted and put us in for all we're worth with a vision larger than ourselves, large as all suffering humanity in the world.

You see, this big man was unusually fortunate in his beginnings. Heredity, environment and mother united to make him big. And the greatest of these was mother.

UNCLE SAM'S SHOW.

Movies are no longer classed as luxuries. To a very large proportion of the American people they have become as much of a necessity as the daily newspaper and good books and other educational influences. Some big film productions have come to Bismarck, and they have filled its moving picture houses and the Auditorium. Nothing so stupendous as Uncle Sam's own movies, which the home guard offers at the Auditorium next Sunday afternoon and evening, has yet come to Bismarck. This great show should draw from our homes, no matter what the weather, every true American



in the city, for it portrays more vividly than any other agency can what Uncle Sam is doing with the hundreds of thousands of boys when we have given over to him, that he might win for us universal democracy and peace everlasting.

Sunday's five-reel production will show "The Recruit of 1917." The recruit of 1917 is your boy, our neighbor's boy, brother, or son or husband, or sweetheart or friend to all of us. What he is doing holds a deep personal interest for us, because he's our boy, and it holds a broad and universal interest for everyone because of the great purpose behind his sacrifice.

These war pictures of Uncle Sam's are not a money-making enterprise. The idea was conceived by President Wilson, because he thought everyone in America should know just what our Sammies are doing, and should see what splendid soldiers they're making. The bureau of public information received from President Wilson a plan, all written out in detail in moments which the president had been able to spare from his arduous duties. The plan was adopted immediately, and big movie men of the country to whom it was communicated recognized it as a big idea, and they gave to the scheme their very best. America has no greater director than David W. Griffith, creator of "The Birth of a Nation," who directed these pictures. It has no greater motion picture artists than the men and women who have given of their art freely and without price to this patriotic enterprise.

Sunday's show, the first of a series, will consist of five reels, taking Sammie from the very start down to the moment he goes into action on French soil. There will be four shows, free matinees for the kiddies at 2 and 4, and at 7:30 and 9:30 in the evening for the grown-ups.

THE COUNTY AGENT.

Burleigh county has a better farming expert. He is a likely looking young fellow, born and reared on a North Dakota farm, educated in a North Dakota agricultural college. Ten to one, if he is given the right kind of co-operation he will convert Burleigh county as thoroughly to the better farming idea as are half the counties in North Dakota today. The Tribune knows of not a single county which has adopted the county agent plan and then dropped it. Some have changed county agents from time to time, but the idea has lived and grown, and today it is a mighty big thing in a very large section of the state.

J. M. Brander, who comes to aid Burleigh county farmers in making their farms more profitable, and their homes more livable, and to accomplish the same amount of work with a smaller amount of labor, isn't a theoretical agronomist who doesn't know the business end of a breaking plow. He has been through the mill, and even though he is a young man, every one of his years has been spent on a North Dakota farm. And that farm has paid good dividends. Robert Brander of Souris, father of Burleigh's new better farming agent, has been a better farmer in Bottineau since 1882. He isn't busy libeling North Dakota as a state doomed to a crop failure two years out of three nor one year out of three. He doesn't believe in complete crop failures, and he doesn't have them.

On top of the practical ideas absorbed from practical farming, County Agent Brander has obtained the theoretical and scientific knowledge that is offered at the North Dakota agricultural college and the University of Minnesota. He is here on the job because a majority of Burleigh county's farmers are willing to see what he can do. The Burleigh county board of commissioners is with him, and The Tribune believes that every farmer in the county will get behind him and give him a chance to make good.

SAVE AND INVEST.

John Wesley, the great founder of Methodism, once said: "Make all you can; save all you can; give all you can."

In view of the national administration this is the plain duty of every man and woman who is today employed at remunerative tasks in this country.

They are to make all they can—because thus they keep the country prosperous even in wartime.

They are to save all they can—because thus they cut down waste and extravagance, which are especially sinful in wartime.

And they are to give all they can—give to their government so that its armies and navies may be fully equipped and prepared and so that the war may the more speedily be brought to a successful conclusion.

One of the ways to give to Uncle Sam is to buy a Thrift Stamp for 25 cents. The next is to buy a War Savings Stamp. And to go on buying them as rapidly as you save the \$4.12 or \$4.13 or \$4.14 or whatever the price may be in the particular month in which the purchase is made.

And it isn't GIVING, when all is said and done. It is LENDING to the American government at the VERY GOOD INTEREST OF 4 PER CENT.

In all good faith, we would advise the kaiser that the Bolsheviks may not be able to deliver all they promise to.

TRIBUNE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

MARKET IN TURMOIL OF BULLISH FERVOR

Rails Five to Eighteen Points up and Industrials Aviate Two to Six.
BEARS ARE SWEEP OFF THEIR FEET

New York, Dec. 27.—The stock market was thrown into a riot of bullish enthusiasm today by the unexpected news of forthcoming federal control of the railroads.

Standard rails rose 5 to 18 points during the more active advance of the forenoon and industrials later became prominent at gross gains of 3 to 6 points under lead of United States steel.

Evidently the terms and conditions already announced in connection with this unprecedented action are far from reassuring to investors and railway interests than was generally expected.

The constructive features embodied in the plan were helpful to other issues, including the wide range of industrial, war equipments and allied specialties, as well as utilities.

Wall street believes all lines of industry are sure to derive substantial benefits from the physical improvement and maintenance of the transportation systems to which the government now is committed.

From the very outset today's market swept the bears off their feet in the wild scramble to cover contracts. In spite of restrictions against speculation, there existed an extensive short interest whose "paper profits" melted in the comprehensive advance.

Final prices in important stocks were 1 to 2 points under maximums, but the net result was the most heartening since the beginning of the long sustained decline. Total sales amounted to 1,180,000 shares.

Bonds of low grade railroads rose 2 to 8 per cent, investments gaining 1 to 2. International bonds hardened moderately. Liberty 4's sold at 97 to 98.86 and 3 1/2's at 95.50 to 96.38. Total bond sales (par value) \$6,550,000. United States bonds (old issues) were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

American Beet Sugar	67
American Can	34 1/2
American Smelting & Refining	72 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	102 1/2
American Zinc	11
Anacosta Copper	57 1/2
Atchafalpa	84 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	53 1/2
Butte and Superior	53 1/2
California Petroleum	11
Canadian Pacific	134
Central Leather	60 1/2
Chesapeake and Ohio	47 1/2
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	43 1/2
Chino Copper	39 1/2
Crucible Steel	51 1/2
Cuba Cane Sugar	20 1/2
Erie	15 1/2
Great Northern Ore Cts	25 1/2
Great Northern pfd	87 1/2
Inspiration Copper	42
Int. Mer. Marine pfd. cfs	79 1/2
Kennecott Copper	30 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	109 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	74 1/2
Miami Copper	27 1/2
Missouri Pacific	24 1/2
Montana Power	61 1/2
New York Central	84 1/2
Northern Pacific	45 1/2
Pennsylvania	42 1/2
Ray Consolidated Copper	21 1/2
Reading	71 1/2
Republic Iron and Steel	77 1/2
Southern Pacific	83 1/2
Southern Railway	23 1/2
Texas Co.	129 1/2
Union Pacific	110 1/2
U. S. Industrial Alcohol	116
United States Steel	87 1/2
Utah Copper	76 1/2

CHICAGO GRAIN.

Option	Open	High	Low	Close
Corn—				
Jan.	1.26 1/2	1.26 1/2	1.25 1/2	1.26 1/2
May	1.24 1/2	1.25 1/2	1.24 1/2	1.24 1/2
Oats—				
Dec.	.79 1/2	.80	.77 1/2	.78 1/2
May	.76 1/2	.76 1/2	.75 1/2	.75 1/2

SO. ST. PAUL LIVE STOCK.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 27.—Hogs—Receipts 3,300, steady; range 16.40 to 16.70; bulk 16.60 to 11.65.

Cattle—Receipts 1,500; killers, steady; steers 5.50 to 15.00; cows and heifers 6.00 to 9.00; veal calves, steady, 5.50 to 14.25; stockers and feeders, slow and steady, 5.00 to 10.00.

Sheep—Receipts 150, steady; lambs 8.00 to 10.00; wethers 7.00 to 13.00; ewes 5.00 to 10.75.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago—Hogs—Receipts, 52,000; Bulk 16.70 to 17.05; light 16.25 to 18.95; mixed 16.50 to 17.05; heavy 16.45 to 17.10; rough 16.45 to 16.55; pigs 11.75 to 15.75.

Cattle—Receipts 19,000, weak; native best steers 7.35 to 14.25; stockers and feeders 6.00 to 13.00; cows and heifers 5.20 to 11.30; calves 8.50 to 16.00.

Sheep—Receipts 16,000, firm; wethers 9.00 to 13.10; ewes 8.00 to 11.90; lambs 12.75 to 16.70.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27.—Hogs—Receipts, 8,500; lower; heavy 16.50 to 16.85; mixed 16.60 to 16.75; light 16.50 to 16.85; pigs 8.00 to 16.50; bulk 16.60 to 16.75.

Cattle—Receipts 5,500; steady; native steers 8.00 to 13.00; cows and heifers 6.50 to 10.25; western steers 7.50 to 11.25; cows and heifers 6.00 to 9.00; canners 5.00 to 6.00; stockers and feeders 4.00 to 11.00; calves 9.75 to 12.75; bulls, stags, etc., 6.00 to 9.00.

Sheep—Receipts 15,500; steady; yearlings 11.50 to 13.25; wethers 11.00 to 12.25; ewes 9.75 to 11.25; lambs 14.50 to 16.50.

FARMERS ASK PAY FOR DIFFERENCE IN PRICES OF CROPS

Claim Insurance in Spite of Fact They Got Over \$7 the Acre.

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 28.—Twenty-two suits against the National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., have been instituted by Sullivan & Sullivan on behalf of farmers who have unsatisfied claims for drought insurance.

These suits are based on grounds somewhat different from those common in suits filed against the company in other parts of the state. The plaintiffs claim they were promised insurance up to \$7 the acre on wheat, \$1.75 flax, 70-cent rye and 50-cent barley and speltz. They contend that the fact that their meagre crops, through exceptionally high prices, yielded them more than \$7 the acre, on the average, does not exempt the company from liability on the sum above what these crops would have represented at the prices noted in the insurance policies.

Strength of Character.

Sometimes a man gives himself credit for strength of character merely because he is willing to hold up the entire glue club till he finds the chord on his own little ukulele.

Revolutionists Active.

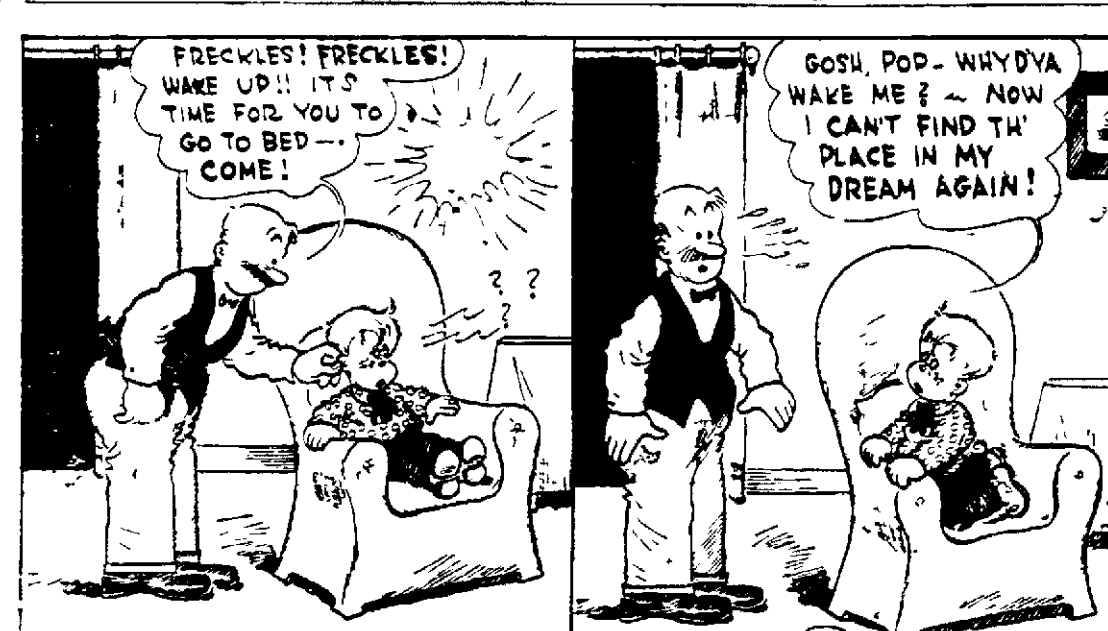
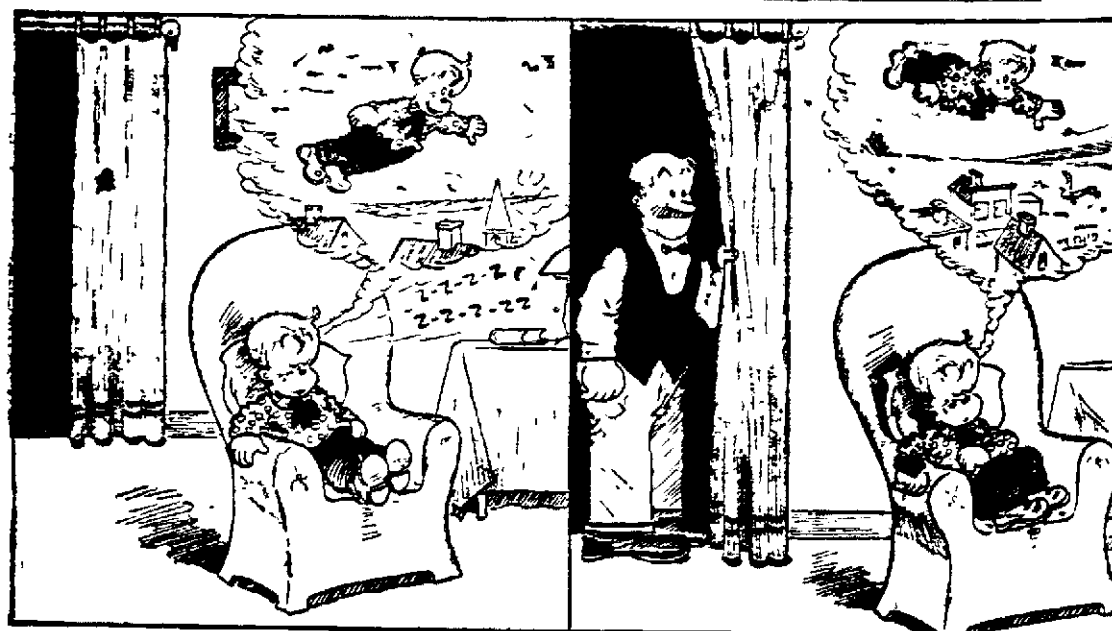
Within the Russian empire fighting

Tribune Want Ads Bring Results.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

DAD'S ALWAYS GETTING INTO TROUBLE.

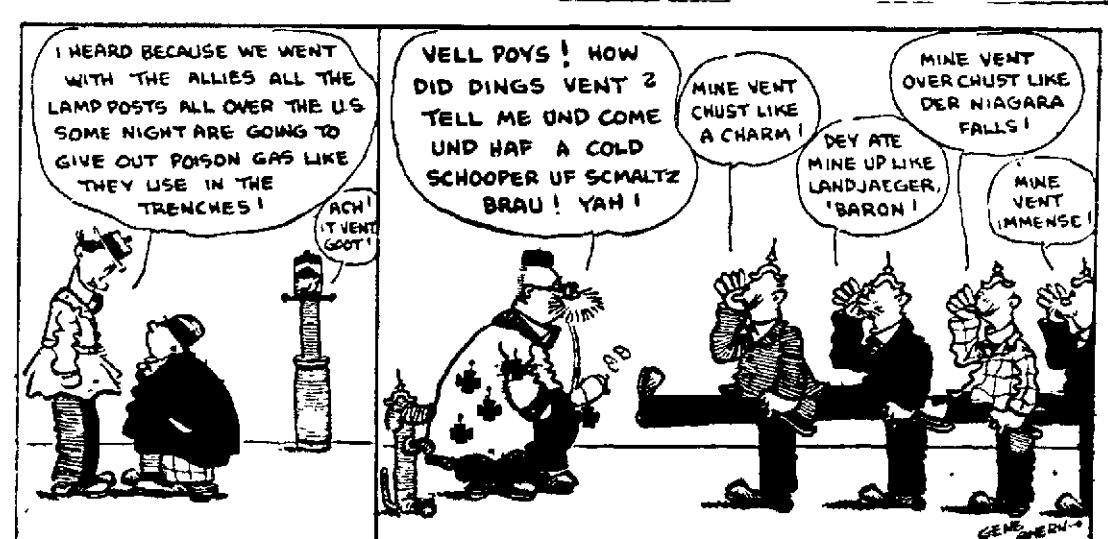
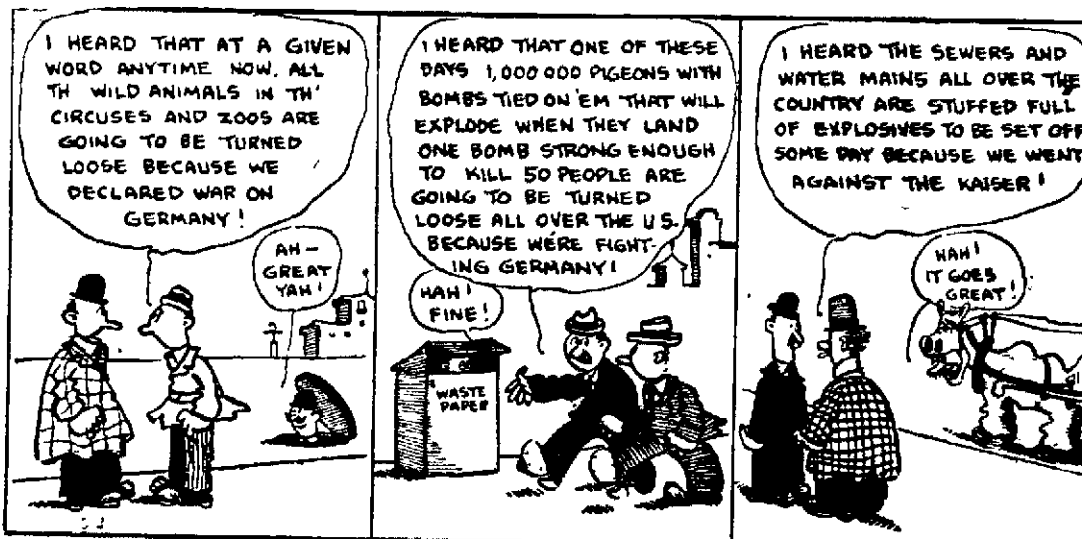
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THE WORKS OF BARON VON RUMOR.

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ROOSEVELT'S PLOT AGAINST BAKER FAILS

Plan of Colonel to Get War Secretary's Scalp Dies

A-Bornin'

WHY "TEDDY" IS PEEVISH
Newton D. Refused to Let Him Head Expeditionary Force of United States.By N. D. COCHRAN.
Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The Roosevelt plot to drive Secretary Baker out of the cabinet will very likely die a-bornin'.

That it was a plot is indicated plainly enough by the sequence in events. First a congressional investigation of the war department was started. General Crozier's testimony showed that there had been delay in getting guns of one kind or another for the army. Then Roosevelt broke loose with his editorial attack on Baker and the administration. The Kansas City Star followed up with a declaration that "Baker must go." Right on the heels of that came Washington correspondence to the Philadelphia North American attempting to show Baker up as the obstructionist at the war department.

Both papers were leading supporters of Roosevelt in 1912 and 1916.

In the meantime Medill McCormick, congressman-at-large from Illinois, hurried himself to tell what he thought he found out on his recent trip to Europe. McCormick is one of the owners of the Chicago Tribune, and is ambitious to be elected to the United States senate from Illinois. He was a Progressive in 1912 and a regular Republican in 1916.

The man who will make the plot and plotters ridiculous is Secretary Baker himself. He is courting full investigation and having heads of departments in the war office make public all the trouble there is—such as the report of General Gorgas on sickness in camps, etc.

But when the investigators get through with the mistakes and mishaps and get to the actual accomplishments of the war department, another picture will be presented.

Guns Were No Good.

While it is true that machine guns already made were offered by manufacturers, and the department said it wasn't interested, the truth is that the guns were old style—some made for Russia. And the department did not want these, wouldn't try them, and "wasn't interested" in junk.

It has appeared in the testimony already that the machine gun finally adopted is the best made anywhere—the Browning gun.

But the matter goes back of that. When Northcliffe came over here representing the British government his whole cry was "give us ships, more ships, and still more ships." He said they had man-power enough and didn't expect an American army inside of 18 months. The allies wanted ships, food and fuel ahead of soldiers.

Everything depended upon ships. And the government based its transportation of soldiers and supplies on the shipping situation. It knew how

fast it could send soldiers across, and has worked according to schedule.

There came a time when there was a hurry-up call for an American army—and ahead of the request of the allies previously made through their representatives in this country. That was when the French morale was believed to be low, and it was believed nothing would strengthen that morale so much as the appearance of an American army in France. Then Pershing and his army of seasoned regulars—who had been seasoned on the border and in Mexico—were hurried across. Their appearance did the work French and British morale jerked up.

Since that time men have been going over just as rapidly as the shipping situation would permit—and they were supplied and equipped as fast as they could be transported.

But Baker never backed up in his determination—announced early in the game—that American soldiers would not go on the firing line in France until thoroughly trained, seasoned and fit to fight.

Those who are over there have continued their training and seasoning in France. They are fully equipped and supplied—and Baker has taken every possible precaution to protect, so far as humanly possible, their health and their chances to come back home when the war is won.

The Real Reason.
The real reason Secretary Baker refused to let Roosevelt go to France in command of an American army was not political. He didn't question either Roosevelt's patriotism or his sincerity. But Baker felt that he was personally responsible for the fullest possible protection of every American soldier boy who went to France. He didn't want their lives risked in spectacular but misguided and unimpractical exploits of heroism. He determined that they would go over there in charge of the very best and most experienced leaders in the army. So General Pershing was the first commander sent to France. Political generals will stay at home.

None of the delays in getting either rifles or machine guns has interfered with the original program. No American army was expected to go on to the firing line before the spring of 1918. The allies didn't expect it, and didn't ask for it. Everything will be done according to schedule—everything our soldiers need will be on hand in abundance before it is needed. They will have the best rifles, the best machine guns, the best munitions, the best clothing, the best food and the best generalship the war department can get.

No Cause for Fear.
The relatives and friends of our soldiers in France should not permit politicians to frighten them. The truth will all come out, and it will prove that our secretary of war has refused to be budged an inch by political pressure from his understanding of his duty to the American soldier abroad.

The present flurry is a political plot that has been hatching for months. It is being hatched by newspapers and politicians that seek to promote the political fortunes of Theodore Roosevelt and the military fortunes of Roosevelt's army pet and personal friend, General Leonard Wood—who incidentally, was reception candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1916.

The game is to try to besmirch Baker to drive him from the cabinet, and to force President Wilson to form a coalition cabinet, with Roosevelt, or somebody he picks as secretary of war, and with General Leonard Wood at the head of the army. It is not backed or supported by such Republicans as President Taft and Judge Hughes. It is a plot of the wing of the Progressive party which, under the leadership of Perkins and Roosevelt, betrayed the real Progressives in 1916.

TURKS SLAUGHTER JEWS AS BRITISH ENTER PALESTINE

By HERMAN BERNSTEIN,
Editor of The American Hebrew.

The Jews of Palestine have put up a brave fight while waiting for their deliverance from the Turks by the allies.

In spite of famine and starvation they have withstood all the blandishments or threats by the cruel Djemal Pasha.

At the fortunes of war, they have made no complaint, especially as the provisional committee for general Zionist affairs, operating from New York city, was drawing upon the resources of all its organizations in this country to save Jewish Palestine from the bread line.

Huge sums of gold were gotten into Palestine, by means that cannot be described until the war is at an end. But this money was not handed out in alms. Public works were started, manufacturers and farmers received loans in order that they might give employment to thousands of Jews who preferred death by starvation to loss of self respect.

Meanwhile General Sir Archibald Murray's army advancing from Egypt had crossed Sinai Peninsula and struck at Gaza. His proclamation, announcing England's intention to give Palestine back to the Jews, reached the colonists, who could not control their joy.

The German Falkenhayn smiled good-naturedly. But the saturnine features of Djemal Pasha flushed with rage, and he prepared to punish the jubilant Jews.

Under the pretext of "military necessity," which later he explained to mean a desire to save them from bombardment by sea and air, Djemal Pasha, last March 28, ordered the Jews to evacuate Jaffa by the first of the following month. This order came

during the midst of the Passover holidays, when Jews celebrate their liberation by Moses from the cruel bondage of Pharaoh, and this feast of rejoicing was transformed into a carnival of woe. Djemal Pasha openly threatened to make of Palestine another Armenia.

On the heels of the fleeing Jews came Turkish soldiers and Bedouin marauders, who pillaged the deserted houses and carried off all the abandoned household treasures.

Highwaymen pursued the wealthier refugees, and attacking them in the sand hills, left them sick, stripped and naked to die. These outrages were committed, as one correspondent put it, "under the paternal eye of authority."

A beautiful suburb of Tel-Aviv was invaded by marauders, but they were met by several score young men, who, risking death for disobedience of Djemal Pasha's decree, again jeopardized their lives to save his concrete Jewish accomplishment.

They were reinforced by other young Jews, "Shomerim," who rushed down from the villages, and they set up a good fight until they were overwhelmed by Turkish soldiery and thrown into prison.

The roads to the Jewish colonies swarmed with thousands of men, women and children, harassed by soldiers and marauders, and many died in their tracks.

Two colonists abandoned their crops which they were then harvesting, and sent hundreds of wagons and carts to hasten the refugees to places of safety, and the Shomerim made ready for battle.

The American consul at Jerusalem, Dr. G. Glazebrook, joined with other neutral diplomats in a formal protest to Djemal, who made a show of yielding. But it soon developed that he was planning even greater outrages, including the evacuation of Jerusalem and the destruction of the colonies.

Indeed, he had already begun to destroy the new forests which had been planted by the Jewish farmers, and the Harzi forest, planted by Zionists from all over the world in memory of the great leader of the government, was stripped of over 50,000 olive trees.

But before he could carry out his more ambitious program of outrage, a courier who risked his life a hundred times, and whose name must not yet be disclosed, made his way out of Palestine and cabled the news to the Provisional Zionist committee in New York.

Remembering Armenia, the civilized world raised a tremendous outcry against the impending massacres in the Holy Land.

The tidings reached the German Zionists, who were fighting under Wil-

helm's flag in the trenches in Belgium and Flanders, and from out the trenches came a protest so strong that it reached the ears of Falkenhayn, who had already remonstrated with Djemal.

When the word came to Falkenhayn of the protest, by the German Zionists, he sent for Djemal, and ordered him to take his hands off.

It is reported that there was a stormy scene between the German general and the Turkish officer, which resulted in the removal of Djemal from his office as military governor of Palestine.

As this is being written, the Union Jack is floating over a score of Jewish colonies, through which the Turkish army with the British forces at its heels, fled so precipitately that they dared not pause for loot or vandalism, and "the bride has welcomed the bridegroom."

POLICE SEARCH FOR 4 MEN WHO HOLD UP WHITE BEAR BANKER

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—Police of St. Paul and Minneapolis are searching for four men who robbed the First State bank of White Bear a summer resort suburb of this city, of more than \$5,000 in a daring daylight robbery shortly after 1 p. m. today.

The bandits entered the bank when H. A. Warner, cashier, was alone in the building. Covering him with auto-

matics they forced him to unlock the vault and lie face downward on the floor while they removed all the available money.

Filling a sack with the money they walked across the street to their waiting automobile, after locking the door of the vault in which they left Warner.

The alarm was spread to the police of St. Paul and Minneapolis and touring cars loaded with detectives were hurried from police headquarters of each city. The car containing the local detectives passed the handi-car at the outskirts of the city. One of the detectives recognized the car too late to effect a capture and the

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NOTICE FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that the board of county commissioners of Ward county, North Dakota, will receive sealed proposals at the office of the county auditor, of Ward county, North Dakota, up to until 9 o'clock a. m. January 9, 1918, for the purchase of \$250,000 seed grain bonds, in denominations of \$500.00 each, due in five years, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum; payable semi-annually.

The board of county commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at Minot, N. Dak., this 22nd day of December, 1917.

R. W. KENNARD,
County Auditor.

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CITATION HEARING PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, County of Burleigh—SS.

In COUNTY COURT, before Hon. H. C. Bradley, Judge.

In the matter of the estate of Gustaf William Anderson, deceased.

H. G. Higgins, petitioner, vs. Anna Ennis, Clara Torgeson, Joan E. Anderson, Carl A. Anderson, and all other parties interested, respondents.

The State of North Dakota to the above named respondents and all persons interested in the estate of Gustaf William Anderson, deceased:

You and each of you are hereby notified that H. G. Higgins the petitioner herein, has filed in this court a petition praying that letters of administration upon the estate of Gustaf William Anderson, late of the town of Baldwin in the county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, deceased, be granted to William E. Lips, and that the said petition will be heard and duly considered by this court on Tuesday, the 29th day of January, A. D. 1918, at two o'clock in

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Washington, Dec. 28.—The American Red Cross was designated in army orders Thursday as the distributing agency of quartermasters' supplies sent to American soldiers and others who may be prisoners in the hands of any power with which the United States may at any time be at war.

The Red Cross already has established at Berne, Switzerland, machinery through which food and clothing have been forwarded from America to Americans held prisoner in Germany, and so is prepared to carry on this work for the war department.

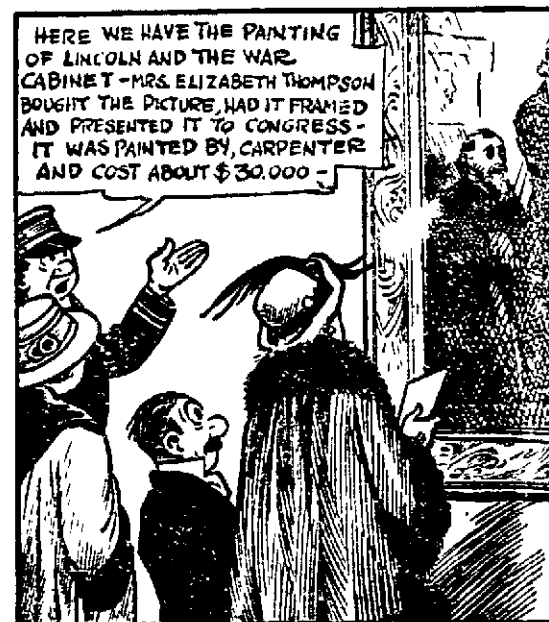
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By the court:

H. C. BRADLEY,
Judge of the County Court.

Dated the 18th day of December, A. D. 1917.

Let the service of the above citation be made by publication once each week for three successive weeks in the Bismarck Daily Tribune, published at Bismarck, N. D., and by personal service upon all resident respondents.

H. C. BRADLEY,
Judge of the County Court.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE.

Default having occurred in the conditions of the mortgage hereinafter described.

Notice is hereby given, that certain mortgage executed and delivered by Abram Josephson and Anna Josephson, his wife, mortgagors, to H. P. Goddard, mortgagee, dated the 21st day of October, 1912, and filed for record in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, on the 13th day of November, 1912, at nine o'clock a. m., and recorded in 1917,

111 of Mortgages on page 86, and assigned by said mortgagee to Mary E. D. Jones by an instrument in writing dated the 10th day of December, 1912, which assignment was filed for record in the office of the register of deeds of Burleigh county, North Dakota, on the 7th day of February, 1913, and recorded in Book 110 of Assignments on Page 86, and assigned by said assignee to Edna W. Dullam by an instrument, in writing dated the 8th day of December, 1917, which assignment was filed for record in the office of the register of deeds of Burleigh county, North Dakota, on the 17th day of December, 1917, and recorded in Book 151 of Mortgage Deeds at page 135, will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such mortgage and hereinafter described at the front door of the court house, at Bismarck, in the county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., on the 9th day of February, 1918, to satisfy the amount due upon such mortgage on the date of sale. The premises described in such mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are situated in the county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, and described as follows, to wit: The south half (S 1/2) of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of section twenty-two (22), in township one hundred forty-two (142) north, of range seventy-six (76) west, containing one hundred

sixty (160) acres, more or less, according to the United States government survey. There will be due on such mortgage on the date of sale the sum of \$829.59, besides the costs, disbursements and expenses of this foreclosure.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, December 26, 1917.

EDNA W. DULLAM,
Assignee of Assignee of Mortgage.

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Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage, Bismarck, N. D.

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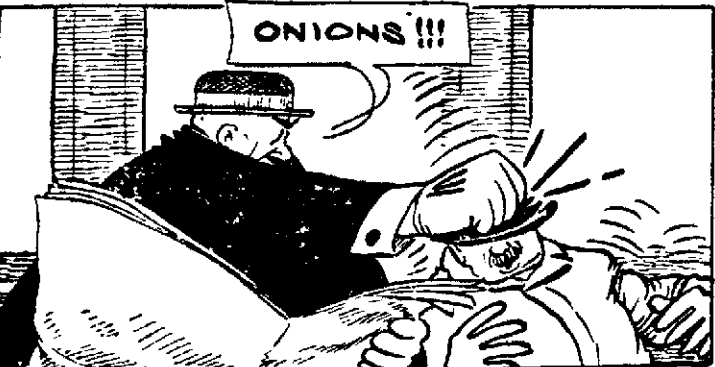
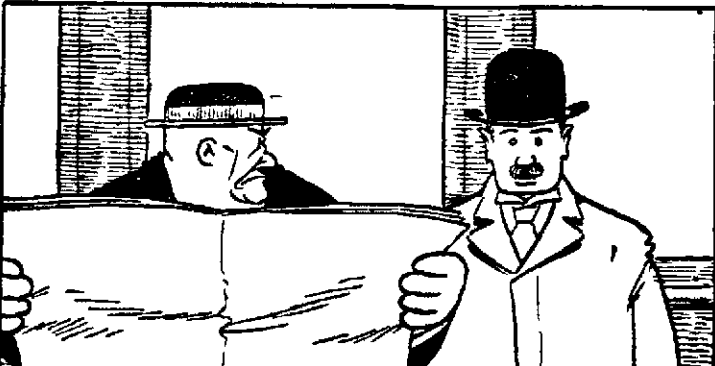
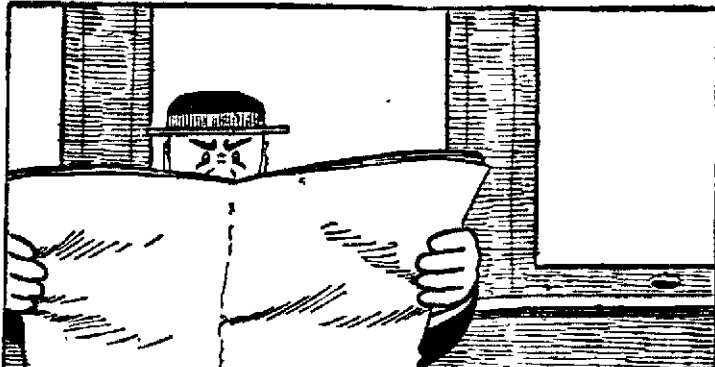
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BISMARCK BOY TELLS HOW IT FEELS TO BE TORPEDOED BY GERMAN SUB IN MID-OCEAN

Fred Varney, one of the 32 Men Saved from American Steamer, Relates Experience—Everyone Escapes but Black Tom-Cat—Patrol Boat Scared Germans Away

"How does it feel to be torpedoed? Well, it's a sensation not easily described," said Fred Varney, one of 42 men saved from the American steamer Schulky when it was sunk by a German submarine eight miles off the Algerian coast, Nov. 21.

Mr. Varney reached home Christmas morning to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Varney. He came fresh from a series of experiences only possible in this great conflict, with its new terrors of sea and air and land.

"Our steward," said Mr. Varney, to an interviewer, "had been torpedoed on a former trip, and he told us about it, but we never had any idea of what it was really like until our turn came."

"We had been attacked about 9 o'clock the night before, the torpedo passing us about five feet astern. It was 7 o'clock in the morning when the submarine again attacked, lodging a torpedo square amidships. There was a deafening explosion; the force of the shock listed the boat to starboard, and then she righted herself and began slowly to sink. Everyone on the boat was awed except the watch which came off duty at 2 o'clock. We didn't take time to gather up any valuables, but just made a rush for the life boats. One of the boats had been crushed by the explosion, and another was swamped in attempting to lower it. This left us two lifeboats for 42 men and our black tom cat. The cat at the last moment refused to leave the sinking boat and clambered back on board, going down with the ship like the brave sailor he was.

"We pulled rapidly away from the boat, and were probably 300 yards distant when she finally stood on her head and divered. Then we saw the periscope of the submarine emerge from the water and turn toward us. Only two feet of the periscope showed, and we had rather a creepy feeling as it bore down on us. The submarine commander evidently intended to hail us and take off our captain, that being a favorite plan with the Germans, who hold the commanders as prizes and as positive evidence that they got the boat they claim. About this time, though, the sub must have sighted a patrol boat, which had been standing off about 30 miles from us and which headed in our direction immediately after we were struck. In

STRONG IMPULSE IS MANIFEST ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Pessimism of Last Few Months Over Railroads Gives Way to Enthusiasm.

EARNINGS AND FACILITIES ONE Primary Plan for Movement of Freight Worked Out by Secretary McAdoo.

New York, Dec. 28.—Wall street expresses unqualified endorsement of President Wilson's plan for the government to run the railroads by a sweeping advance Thursday in the securities market. The upturn was one of the most sensational seen in years. The assurances of net earnings and of the maintenance of railroad properties were the factors of the government program which pleased investors and dealers in stocks and bonds.

The pessimism of the last few months over the railroad outlook gave way to enthusiasm when the rather unexpected news from Washington was read in this morning's papers. Orders to buy poured into brokers' offices from all over the country and the market was primed for a big advance long before it opened.

SHORT ROUTES.

No Roundabout Carriage in Plan of Director General.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Under the traffic pooling plan to be worked out by Secretary McAdoo as director-general of the railroads, freight will move over the shortest and most convenient routes, regardless of the individual interests of the roads. Since earnings as

well as facilities will be pooled this system can be pursued to an extreme limit. Officials pointed out today, without endangering the revenue of any line, earnings will be pooled and paid out on the basis of pre-war returns regardless of how much freight a railroad actually moves.

Loss of Efficiency.

Railroad experts admit that there is a great loss of efficiency in competition. Freight often is lifted over a particular line when it might be handled much more expeditiously over another. A shipper has had a right to ship his freight as he pleases but under government operation and traffic pooling it matters not which road gets his freight. It will move over the line or lines best able to handle it.

Two railroads running between New York and Chicago, for instance, might cross at some point between. Under the ordinary system freight given to one road in New York would proceed all the way over that line. Under the new plan it might be diverted to the other road at the crossing point, if the other road offered, at the time, better facilities for moving.

As to Competition. While admitting that competition slows up traffic in a situation such as exists at present, railroad men point to the fact that competition has brought all the improvements in railroad facilities, such as the airbrake and other devices. But during the war even they admit the invention of new appliances is far less important than the moving of freight.

Under the government pooling plan a railroad with its lines congested will not deliver more freight than it can handle that it appears may add to the congestion.

The Interstate Commerce commission officials will work closely with Secretary McAdoo on comprehensive operating plan. They believe a system will not be hard to devise, and that with a skeleton plan outlined railroad officials themselves can carry out the details without a great deal of trouble.

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St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—More than 200,000 cords of fuel wood will be cut on state lands this winter to relieve the demand for coal according to an estimate by Oscar A. Larson, state superintendent of timber, made late yesterday and based on applications already received.

SWITZERLAND FED BY UNITED STATES

Washington, Dec. 27.—The War Trade board, in an announcement, confirmed dispatches from abroad telling of an agreement to ration Switzerland, and gave the rules of procedure for exporters to follow in making shipments.

No details of the agreement were given, but it is known it fixes the amount of foodstuffs the United States will ship to Switzerland in return for assurances that none of the shipments will be permitted to go through to Germany.

CARD OF THANKS.

I take this means of thanking my many friends for the sympathy shown, and for the many beautiful floral offerings given during my wife's recent illness and death at St. Alexius Hospital of this city.

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VETS OF BASKET GAME TO TAKE ON WARRIORS OF '17

Alumni and High School Team Clash at Gym Friday Night.

Veterans of past years of glorious basketball conquest for the Bismarck high school will seek tonight at the high school gym to prove to the youngsters of the 1917 team that there are some things they do not know about the game. The annual alumni-high school game always is looked forward to with interest. Tonight's contest promises to be exceptionally exciting, because of the high standard established by the 1917 team and for the reason that the alumni includes many veterans who have not been out of the game long enough to lose their cunning, and who, in their high school days, were among North Dakota's star players.

The alumni will line up as follows: Peck, a member of Shattuck's first team in 1916, right forward; Reuter, a star on St. John's team this year, left guard; Webb, also one of the strong men in St. John's current basketball line-up, center, playing the same position which he holds on the college quint; Welsh, who plays with Creton, high at Minneapolis, sub; Berwman, now on The Tribune force, and an old Co. A star, left forward; Clifford, a mighty man in his high school days, right guard.

A big crowd is looked for.

BURLEIGH COUNTY HAS BETTER FARM AGENT ON THE JOB

J. M. Brander, Son of Bottineau County Pioneer, Begins Work.

Burleigh county's better farming agent is on the job. He is a tall, slim, capable-looking young gentleman named J. M. Brander, born and reared on a North Dakota farm, a son of Robert Brander of Souris, one of Bottineau county's first farmers. The older Brander moved down from Canada into Bottineau in 1882, and he has lived there ever since, making a North Dakota farm pay good dividends. The son helped around the farm, went to school, and absorbed enough practical agriculture to give him a desire for some of the theoretical side of the game. That he obtained in a four years' course at the North Dakota agricultural college, supplemented with special work in animal husbandry at the University of Minnesota, and he comes to Burleigh county, as its first better farming agent, with high recommendations from his college and from Thomas Cooper, director of the United States department of agriculture's extension work in North Dakota.

Mr. Brander is selected jointly by

the Burleigh county board of commissioners and by Director Cooper. Burleigh is fortunate in having quick action on its request, as frequently a year or more is required, so general has become the demand in North Dakota for better farming agents and so limited the supply. Mr. Brander probably will have an office in the county building. He intends to spend the next few weeks getting acquainted with the county and its people and its soil. His first official acts will consist of aiding the Missouri Valley Poultry association with its big annual "corn, alfalfa and poultry exposition," to be held in the basement of the Northwest hotel, January 9, 10 and 11. Indications point to this as the best exhibit ever held in the state. Conditions this year have been favorable to poultry, and more farmers every year are engaging in the industry. Mandan and Morton county have promised unusually large exhibits, and the Morton county commission has appropriated liberally for prizes.

Mr. Brander also expects to immediately interest himself in Burleigh county's "seed and feed" problems, which, while not so pressing as in other parts of the state, nevertheless require some prompt attention.

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